

grow as he constantly adds new services and tours of the United States. Jan and his daughter Elske have traveled thousands of miles experiencing the country so that he might share his knowledge with others who wish to explore America. He has sent over a quarter billion dollars to the United States in business, and has been a frequent visitor to Mariposa County and Yosemite National Park. Throughout Jan's career he has shown deep ties, commitment and partnership with our country, communities and individual county visitor bureaus. He has made it his lifetime goal to share the best that America has to offer with his fellow citizens of the Netherlands. Jan has truly been a significant force in bringing the United States and the Netherlands closer together.

As Jan Doets retires we not only honor his lifetime commitment to the tourism industry, but also his unparalleled generosity, strength and dedication to his work and loved ones. Jan Doets has truly left his mark on our community forever.

HONORING RABBI LEONARD S.
CAHAN

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate Rabbi Leonard Cahan, Senior Rabbi of Congregation Har Shalom of Potomac, Maryland who is retiring the summer after 27 years of service. Rabbi Cahan and his wife Elizabeth have lived in Potomac during this time, and raised their four children in this community.

Under Rabbi Cahan's leadership, Har Shalom has grown four-fold, to become a leading congregation in Montgomery County, Maryland and in the Conservative movement nationwide. He has guided Har Shalom to the forefront of egalitarianism, family, and adult education, participatory worship, community service, and interfaith activities. Har Shalom's worship services have been a model for the creation of a new conservative prayer book, Siddur Sim Shalom. Har Shalom was honored to have Rabbi Cahan serve as the senior editor of this prayer book, which has now been adopted by much of the Conservative Jewish movement.

Several years ago, the Good Morning America television program chose Rabbi Cahan as one of the nation's outstanding clergy. He appeared on the show, along with a minister and priest, discussing the religious, spiritual, and communal nature of their lives as clergymen, and their role in their communities.

Rabbi Cahan has deeply touched the lives of many members of Har Shalom, as well as others in the community. He has officiated numerous life cycle events such as baby namings, funerals, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, marriages, and other times of family joy and sorrow. He has taught numerous courses to Har Shalom's congregants of all ages, as well as in interfaith settings in the community. Rabbi Cahan has no doubt been the inspiration to a growing number of Har Shalom's youth, who are or will become the rabbis of the next generation.

Rabbi Cahan will continue to serve as Rabbi Emeritus at Congregation Har Shalom following his retirement. He will continue to teach, officiate at High Holy Day services, and serve the spiritual needs of the Jewish community of Montgomery County.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I join today with many of my colleagues in remembering the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

From 1915 to 1923, the world witnessed the first genocide of the 20th Century. This was clearly one of the world's greatest tragedies—the deliberate and systematic Ottoman annihilation of 1.5 million Armenian men, women, and children.

Furthermore, another 500,000 refugees fled and escaped to various points around the world—effectively eliminating the Armenian population of the Ottoman Empire.

From these ashes arose hope and promise in 1991—and I was blessed to see it. I was one of the four international observers from the United States Congress to monitor Armenia's independence referendum. I went to the communities in the northern part of Armenia, and I watched in awe as 95 percent of the people over the age of 18 went out and voted.

The Armenian people had been denied freedom for so many years and, clearly, they were very excited about this new opportunity. Almost no one stayed home. They were all out in the streets going to the polling places. I watched in amazement as people stood in line for hours to get into these small polling places and vote.

Then, after they voted, the other interesting thing was that they did not go home. They had brought covered dishes with them, and all of these polling places had little banquets afterward to celebrate what had just happened.

What a great thrill it was to join them the next day in the streets of Yerevan when they were celebrating their great victory. Ninety-eight percent of the people cast their ballots in favor of independence. It was a wonderful experience to be there with them when they danced and sang and shouted, "Ketse azat ankakh Hayastan"—long live free and independent Armenia! That should be the cry of freedom-loving people everywhere.

CELEBRATING SAUK PRAIRIE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AS ONE OF THE 100 TOP HOSPITALS

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital and Clinics of Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, being selected as one of the 100 Top Hospitals in the nation by the 100 Top Hos-

pitals™: Benchmarks for Success study. This outstanding achievement is marked by the Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital's excellent quality of care, efficiency of operations, and sustainability of overall performance.

The extraordinary dedication of hospital staff and the superior performance of the management team have earned Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital this first-time award. In a time when rural hospitals are facing special challenges, this achievement is particularly noteworthy. The hospital's ability to perform well under adverse conditions and to face trials in the health care system today do indeed set a benchmark for success.

The quality health care that Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital provides can be attributed not only to its doctors and nurses, but to all of the employees, board members, volunteers and medical staff. Without the generosity of those who have worked countless hours and donated hard-earned dollars, this accomplishment may not have been possible.

I applaud the Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital for this truly prestigious award and I look forward to hearing about future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN R. GARRISON

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John R. Garrison, Chief Executive Officer of the American Lung Association. This July, Mr. Garrison is retiring after eleven years of leading the American Lung Association, this nation's oldest voluntary health agency.

Over the last two decades, Mr. Garrison's work has made a vital contribution to public health and a significant difference in shaping national policy. Millions of Americans live in a safer, cleaner, and healthier world because of his work. He has been a national leader in the battle against the tobacco industry, the efforts to eliminate tuberculosis, the quest to curb asthma, and the continuing fight for cleaner air.

Throughout his career, Mr. Garrison has been in the vanguard of public health efforts. When the tobacco industry proposed a weak tobacco settlement with state attorneys general in 1997, Mr. Garrison was the first leader of a major health organization to step forward and oppose giving the tobacco industry immunity. Mr. Garrison also served on a tobacco advisory commission chaired by former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and former FDA Commissioner David Kessler, playing a pivotal role in crafting the commission's final report, which remains a visionary blueprint of the policy changes needed to protect the public health from tobacco.

Under Mr. Garrison's leadership, the American Lung Association led the recent battle for tougher ozone and particulate matter standards under the Clean Air Act. In addition, he expanded the American Lung Association's commitment to lung disease research. These efforts led to the development of the Asthma

Clinical Research Center program, a nationwide network of 19 clinical research centers designed to conduct a broad range of clinical studies on asthma.

From building a formal alliance with the Canadian Lung Association to assuming a leadership role in the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Mr. Garrison has worked tirelessly to reduce the impact of lung disease around the world. This work continues with the American Lung Association's advocacy for a strong, enforceable global tobacco control treaty, the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

From asthma to air pollution, from tobacco control to the elimination of tuberculosis, Mr. Garrison has been a leader. Millions of people around the globe breathe easier because of his efforts. It is my distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting John Garrison for his outstanding achievements and thank him for his service to the American Lung Association and the nation in fighting lung disease and promoting lung health.

TRIBUTE TO EMS PERSONNEL

HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, in 1997 alone there were almost 960 million ambulance trips made to health care providers in the United States, an overall rate of 3.6 visits for every American. While ambulatory care makes up a relatively small part of the federal budget for health care, paramedics and EMS personnel are providing vital services to our communities. These are the men and women who form an important safety net of emergency care for millions of Americans every year.

Too often we do not take the time to recognize individuals for their outstanding accomplishments serving others. I want to take a moment to recognize the EMS personnel who are there when we need them most.

Every year, those men and women who go beyond what is expected of them and perform truly outstanding acts of service are recognized with the Stars of Life award from the American Ambulance Association. Chosen by their peers, these professionals are selected to represent them in Washington, DC as part of the National EMS Week activities.

This year, 109 individuals from across the United States, including my home state of Minnesota, are honored as Stars of Life for their exceptional service and selfless courage.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the names of the 2001 American Ambulance Association Stars of Life honorees to be printed in the RECORD.

2001 "Stars of Life"

STATES AND STAR'S NAME; AMBULANCE
SERVICE, AND CITY

ARKANSAS—1

Julia Key, Columbia County Ambulance Service, Magnolia

ARIZONA—1

Randy Perkins, Rural/Metro, Scottsdale

CALIFORNIA—11

Timothy Beverlin, American Medical Response, Palm Springs

Adrienne Bosel, American Medical Response, Burlingame

Erin Hughes, American Medical Response, Garden Grove

Lisa LaRusso, American Medical Response, Riverside

Randy Lyman, American Medical Response, Santa Rosa

Joe Matthews, American Medical Response, Cerritos

Steve Prater, Hall Ambulance Service, Bakersfield

Jeff Tanner, American Medical Response, Riverside

Sloane Valentino, Medix Ambulance Service, Mission Viejo

John Van Aalst, American Medical Response, Cerritos

Karen Wright, American Medical Response, Concord

COLORADO—1

Christian Weber, American Medical Response, Denver

CONNECTICUT—4

Sue Bednarik, American Medical Response, Waterbury

Robert Phelan, American Medical Response, New Haven

Lynn Vergnetti, Hunter's Ambulance Service, Meriden

John Worobel, Hunter's Ambulance Service, Meriden

FLORIDA—3

Mary Jo Strosnider, Rural/Metro, Orlando

Armando Toledo, American Medical Response, Miami

Jeff Young, American Medical Response, Largo

GEORGIA—3

Kevin Harralson, Mid Georgia Ambulance Service, Macon

Cedric Scott, Mid Georgia Ambulance Service, Macon

Valerie Spratin, Rural/Metro, Augusta

HAWAII—1

Chris Gilbert, American Medical Response, Kahului-Maui

IOWA—6

David Edgar, Jr., West Des Moines EMS/ IEMSA, West Des Moines Kelly

Freeman, Monroe County Ambulance, Albia

Keith Gilman, Lee County EMS Ambulance, Donnellson

James Lange, Medic EMS, Davenport

Max Maes, Medic EMS, Davenport

Nadine Tice, American Medical Response, Charles City

INDIANA—1

Lisa Christen, American Medical Response, Fort Wayne

LOUISIANA—5

Richard Billiot, Priority Mobile Health, New Orleans Anthony

Cramer, Jr., Acadian Ambulance & Air Med Services, Lafayette

Shannon Jones, Med Express Ambulance Service, Pineville

Carl Theriot, American Medical Response, New Orleans

Michelle Wiggins, Med Express Ambulance Service, Pineville

MASSACHUSETTS—16

Teresa Anyon, American Medical Response, Worcester

William Barry, Armstrong Ambulance Service, Arlington

Frank Carabello, Lyons Ambulance Service, Danvers

Rollie Citroni, Lyons Ambulance Service, Danvers

Paul Dalton, Action Ambulance Service, Stoneham

Davin Fors, Armstrong Ambulance Service, Arlington

John Haley, Cataldo Ambulance Service, Somerville

Scott Jones, Action Ambulance Service, Stoneham

John Kulis, Armstrong Ambulance Service, Arlington

Vaughan Mason, Action Ambulance Service, Stoneham

Arthur Melvin, Action Ambulance Service, Stoneham

Mark Miller, Action Ambulance Service, Stoneham

Kevin Moore, Lyons Ambulance Service, Danvers

Richard Raymond, Action Ambulance Service, Stoneham

Kenneth Reynolds, American Medical Response, Natick

Peter Viele, Action Ambulance Service, Stoneham

MICHIGAN—5

Jules Baumer, Medstar Ambulance, Mt. Clemens

Brian Beckwith, LifeCare Ambulance Service, Battle Creek

Chad Crook, Life EMS, Grand Rapids

Tom Mackey, Huron Valley Ambulance, Ann Arbor

Danial Sanchez, Medstar Ambulance, Mt. Clemens

MINNESOTA—3

Gary Olson, LifeLink III, St. Paul

J. Todd Rather, Mayo Medical Transport, Gold Cross Ambulance, Rochester

Michele Sundberg, Allina Medical Transportation, St. Paul

MISSOURI—3

Randall Bennett, Metropolitan Ambulance Services Trust, Kansas City

Steven Harris, Taney County Ambulance District, Branson

Scott Wolf, Emergency Providers, Kansas City

MISSISSIPPI—2

Sharon Hinson, American Medical Response, Natchez

Roger Wade, American Medical Response, Gulfport

MONTANA—1

Jason Mahoney, American Medical Response, Billings

NORTH CAROLINA—5

Nathaniel Archie, Mecklenburg EMS Agency, Charlotte

Phil Carter, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Montgomery EMS, Pinehurst

Robert McNally, Mecklenburg EMS Agency, Charlotte

Djuna Melton, FirstHealth EMS—Hoke, Raeford

Jeffrey Roberts, Mecklenburg EMS Agency, Charlotte

NEW HAMPSHIRE—2

Dwayne Hogencamp, Rockingham Regional Ambulance, Nashua

Debra McCartney, Rockingham Regional Ambulance, Nashua

NEW JERSEY—2

Paul Leidenfrost, Rural/Metro, South Amboy

Nancy Neuhaus, Med Alert Ambulance, Sparta

NEW MEXICO—1

Janet Mauro, American Medical Response, Alamogordo